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SUBJECT: AIRPORT FORMALITIES

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOFA OFFICE IN ASMARA RELAYING CONFIRMATION FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR COL. FIKRU THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS HAVE CERTAIN TREATY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THAT ARE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY GOE AUTHORITIES IN ERITREA. LETTER SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT CONCERNED GOE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN DULY INSTRUCTED TO IMPOSE NO FURTHER RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT OF OUR PERSONNEL.

2. MOFA LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO MY LETTER OF PROTEST THAT CONGEN AND KAGNEW STATION PERSONNEL HAD USUALLY BEEN REQUIRED OBTAIN LETTER OF PERMISSION FROM OFFICE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR EVERY TIME TRAVEL WAS PLANNED. MY LETTER WAS PART OF PERSISTENT CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED WITH VARIOUS SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN CONSISTENT RECOGNITION OF TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED TREATMENT OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

3. COMMENT: SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH MY EFFORTS, CONSISTENTLY BLAMING THEIR OWN LACK OF ORGANIZATION AND DISORGANIZED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO LOWER ECHELON CLERKS, WHO, ADMITTEDLY, FREQUENTLY OVERSTEP THEIR AUTHORITY IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE PETTY HARASSMENT AND LATENT XENOPHOBIA. ALTHOUGH ERITREAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS SAID THEY POSSESSED LETTER FROM PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTI STRESSING THAT RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS MUST BE RESPECTED, IT WAS

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DECIDED THAT TO HAVE FULL EFFECT LOCALLY COL. FIKRU WOULD NEED

TO ENDORSE THE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER AND RE-EMPHASIZE ITS RELEVANCE TO AFFAIRS IN ERITREA. UNTIL WE ARE SURE EVERY CLERK HAS THE WORD, HOWEVER, ALL CONGEN AND KAGNEW PERSONNEL WILL CARRY A COPY OF MOFA LETTER.

4. BIO NOTE: ESPECIALLY HELPFUL HAS BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS, FITAUARI (HONORARY TITLE) HIDAD KARRAR, AN ERITREAN MUSLIM ABOUT 50. HIDAD IS BLUFF, AND AMIABLE, AND HAS ALREADY HAD A LONG CIVIL SERVANT CAREER SERVING IN MANY IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES THROUGHOUT ERITREA, INCLUDING UNDER THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.
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